

### **HEBER CITY NEWS**

# May 2011



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE by Mayor Dave Phillips

A topic of concern lately is the potential for Spring flooding. Heber City has been coordinating with the County and local irrigation companies to prepare for the runoff anticipated this season. We currently do not believe flooding will occur at the levels seen during the famous "1983 Flood" down Main Street, but we are concerned and are preparing for significantly higher runoff this year. One of the reasons the risk of flooding is lower than in times past is because a number of flood facilities have been constructed that catch debris and divert water around the City. With that being said, the ability of these facilities to handle anticipated flows will depend on how warm the weather is during the month of April. Warmer weather will allow the snow pack at lower elevations to melt and come down sooner than later, reducing the peak runoff in May. If cooler wet weather persists, the peak runoff in May will be higher, which could result in flooding near the natural streams and canals that run through the City.

During the last several weeks, Heber City and County crews have been busy clearing waterways to maximize the capacity available and safely convey runoff. Should the runoff exceed the capacity of these facilities, alternate plans have been made to divert water at strategic locations and minimize any property damage. One such location is down Center Street, from approximately 1000 East through to the west side of the City. It is unknown if this will actually need to be done, but the City will be prepared should it be required. City crews will also be regularly checking waterway grates during the runoff period, particularly at night when the flood potential is higher, to keep debris from plugging the channels.

Property owners living adjacent to the Lower Wasatch Canal and Lake Creek stream are encouraged to evaluate their specific properties regarding the potential for flooding, particularly if their homes are at or below the bank of the

adjacent waterway. While the City does not anticipate overtopping the waterway banks, each property is unique. The Heber City Public Works Department will have sand and sandbags that can be filled up by those residents who feel a need to further protect their property. The Public Works shop is located at 749 W. 300 S. and can be contacted by calling (435) 654-3275.

#### **MUSEUM OPEN!**

The Wasatch Company, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers are pleased to announce that after many years of hope and anticipation, Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum will be open for patrons.

Please join us for our **Open House, Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** The museum is located at 188 South Main (old library building), Heber City.

We will also be accepting artifacts that are appropriate for the museum after May 9<sup>th</sup>. The criteria are: an artifact must be in good repair and it must fit the time frame of pre-1800 era up to 1900 era. If you are aware of artifacts belonging to the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Wasatch Company that have been loaned to individuals for any reason, we would like them returned in a timely manner.





### UTAH LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS UTAH MAY 14. 2011

Please join us for a three mile run that will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Port of Entry located at 3741 South Highway 40 and end at the Heber City Police Department located at 301 South Main Street. Afterwards, stay for the food and fun activities! There will be inflatable slides for kids, an old fashion hamburger/hot dog booth, a donation drawing, etc...

You can pre-register at the Heber City Police Department. The registration fee is \$12, and you'll receive a cotton t-shirt, or \$17 if you would prefer a dri weave shirt. Please contact Wendy McKnight with any questions at 654-3040.

#### **FOOD DRIVE**

Help our community "Stamp out Hunger" by leaving a donation of non-perishable food or hygiene items by your mailbox on **Saturday, May 19**<sup>th</sup>, for the National Association of Letter Carriers annual food drive. Your letter carrier will pick up donations Saturday morning on their regular route. Please help keep the Community Action Food Bank stocked for the local families who will need emergency assistance during the summer. Visit <a href="https://www.CommunityActionUC.org">www.CommunityActionUC.org</a> for more information and to learn other ways you can help.

## HOST AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT

Host an international exchange student and make an American dream come true. Aspect Foundation, a non-profit organization, is currently seeking families in Heber City to host students from countries around the globe. Host families can be married or single, with or without children. For more information about how your family can have the cultural adventure of a lifetime, please contact the local Aspect Foundation coordinator, David Ahrens, at 801-369-0214.

### PEPSI REFRESH COMMUNITY ACTION 5K RUN MAY 28, 2011

Come fight poverty one step at a time by participating in the Pepsi Refresh Community Action 5K. This family-friendly event will include race shirts, free games, door prizes and food. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking to take a nice jog or walk with the family, come support your community's food bank. This event will kick-off the Pepsi Refresh Summer Food Drive, so don't forget to bring items to donate the day of the race. Proceeds from the event will be used to provide food and other resources to families living in poverty in Utah, Wasatch and Summit Counties. If you can't make it, please consider becoming a virtual runner online. For more information about the race and to register, visit www.CommunityAction5K.org.

